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SUBJECT: FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS: TIMING

REFERENCE: NASSAU 647

1. AGREE WITH YOUR JUDGMENT EXPRESSED REFTEL THAT, ON THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF TALKS BETWEEN THE GCOB AND HMG RE FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS, DECISION TO PRESS OR NOT TO PRESS IS UP TO BRITISH. THOUGH WE MIGHT PREFER THAT THEY FOLLOW OUR LEAD AND LEAVE THE TIMING TO THE GCOB, WE DID AGREE AT JULY 30, 1973 MEETING WITH THE UK THAT "THE BEST METHOD OF REACHING DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT WAS BY FREQUENT AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BAHAMIAN MINISTERS AND THE US AMBASSADOR AND BETWEEN BAHAMIAN MINISTERS AND THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER" THIS WAS INTENDED TO GIVE OURSELVES AND THE BRITISH A DEGREE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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FLEXIBILITY AND BREAK AWAY FROM ANY REQUIREMENT THAT WE

PROCEED IN LOCKSTEP FASHION. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WE
FEEL THAT THE GCOB WILL SET THE PACE REGARDLESS OF HOW
ANXIOUS HMG MAY BE TO GET ON WITH THE TALKS.

2. SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTTEL WE NOW HAVE NASSAU 658 WHICH
REPORTS THAT ADDERLEY SAID HE HOPED FACILITIES TALKS

WOULD BEGIN SOMETIME IN MAY ON HIS RETURN FROM THE GENEVA
LOS CONFERENCE. AS YOU INDICATED IN YOUR RESPONSE TO
HIM, OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT WE ARE READY TO RESUME
TALKS WHENEVER BAHAMIANS ARE. KISSINGER

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